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DETERMINING IF AN  
ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE IS  
NECESSARY IN ORDER TO  
COMMIT A TRANSACTION TO  
A DATABASE**

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.